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SUBJECT: PROBLEMS PREDICTED FOR MARKEZINIS GOVERNMENT

1. THESSALONIKI PAPERS OF OCTOBER 4 CARRY LEAD ARTICLES ON LIKELY PROBLEMS FACING MARKEZINIS GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO "MAKEDONIA" HEADLINE, "MARKEZINIS WILL FACE GREAT DIFFICULTIES AND STRONG OPPOSITION FROM ALL SIDES". "ELLINIKOS VORRAS" HEADLINE EMPHASIZES "CHANGES IN ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE".

2. "VORRAS" SPECULATES THAT MARKEZINIS WILL ABOLISH EXISTING DISTRICT GOVERNMENT AND ESTABLISH NUMBER OF SUPERVISORY OFFICES TO OVERSEE OPERATIONS OF PRESENT MONARCHIES.

3. "MAKEDONIA" IDENTIFIES MAJOR PROBLEM FACING MARKEZINIS AS OPPOSITION FROM MILITARY OFFICERS IN PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT AND FROM FORMER POLITICAL PARTIES.

4. ALL PAPERS CONTINUE SPECULATION, BASED ON ATHENS PRESS, ON COMPOSITION OF NEW CABINET. OF KEY POSITIONS OF NORTHERN GREECE, PRESS PREDICTS CONSTANTINOS BRAVOS WILL REMAIN AS UNDERSECRETARY/DISTRICT GOVERNOR FOR EASTERN MACEDONIA AND THRACE AND THEODOROS SARANTIS, EX-ARMY COLONEL AND FORMER DEPUTY FOR KOZANI, WILL BECOME UDERSEC/DG FOR CENTRAL

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AND WESTERN MACEDONIA. PRESENT GOVERNOR IOANNIS ANASTASSO-

POULOS PLANNING FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR OCTOBER 5 AND AIDES
STATE HE PLANS TO DEPART SHORTLY.
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